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Applicants: Ralph et al. Examiner: Reip, D.
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 For: **POLYAXIAL PEDICLE SCREW HAVING
 A THREADED AND TAPERED COMPRESSION
 LOCKING MECHANISM**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003 and the Office Action mailed
September 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3
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Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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